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S.B. No. 410

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipal peace officers on a lake located partly in the municipality.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 31, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 31.1211 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.1211. JURISDICTION OF MUNICIPAL PEACE OFFICERS.

(a) This section applies only to:

(1) a municipality with a population of 75,000 or more

that:

(A) is located in a county with a population of

400,000 or more; and

(B) is adjacent to a lake:

(i) that is at least 20,000 acres;

(ii) that has at least 150 miles of shoreline; and

(iii) in which the municipality shares jurisdiction with at least three other municipalities located in the same county as the municipality, each of which has a population of 25,000 or less; and

(2) a municipality described by Subdivision

(1)(B)(iii).

(b) Notwithstanding any other law limiting the enforcement jurisdiction of a peace officer, a peace officer of a municipality

1 who is certified as a marine safety enforcement officer under
2 Section 31.121 may enforce the provisions of this chapter within
3 the entire area of a lake if any portion of the lake is contained in
4 the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the
5 municipality.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.